IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly rewrite Claims 1-14 as follows, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121:

1. (Previously presented) An amorphous and solid inosine·L-arginine salt.

2. (Original) The inosine·L-arginine salt of claim 1, wherein inosine and L-arginine are present in substantially equimolar amounts.

3. (Currently amended) The inosine·L-arginine salt of claim 1 produced by the process of

a) dissolving in water inosine and L-arginine in substantially equimolar amounts to obtain a solution wherein the concentration of inosine and L-arginine is 50% or greater,

b) adding the product of step (a) to anhydrous ethanol while stirring; and

c) drying the product of step (b) to obtain inosine·L-arginine salt.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Original) A non-aqueous composition comprising the inosine·L-arginine salt of claim 1.

6. (Canceled).

7. (Previously presented) The composition of claim 5, wherein said inosine and said L-arginine are present in substantially equimolar amounts.

8. (Withdrawn) A method of promoting the growth of a plant comprising treating said plant with an inosine·L-arginine salt.

9. (Withdrawn) A method of promoting the growth of a plant comprising treating

said plant with a composition comprising an aqueous solution of inosine and L-arginine.

10. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 9, wherein said inosine and said L-arginine are present in substantially equimolar amounts.

11. (Withdrawn) A method of activating a cell comprising treating the cell with an inosine·L-arginine salt.

12. (Withdrawn) A method of activating a cell comprising treating the cell with a composition comprising an aqueous solution of inosine and L-arginine.

13. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 12, wherein said inosine and said L-arginine are present in substantially equimolar amounts.

14. (Currently amended) A method of making an inosine·L-arginine salt comprising

a) dissolving in water inosine and L-arginine in substantially equimolar amounts to obtain a solution wherein the concentration of inosine and L-arginine is 50% or greater at 60°C; and

b) adding the product of step (a) to anhydrous ethanol; and

c) drying the product of step (b) to obtain inosine·L-arginine salt.